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LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application. Additions to existing claims are identified by underlining. Deletions to existing claims are indicated by ~~strikethrough~~ or [[double brackets]].

1. (Canceled)

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, further comprising:
updating the database to reflect changes in the event data.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A method for connecting a call between a user and one or more parties in a telephone network, the method comprising:

receiving, via a data network, event data associated with the user, the event data comprising a first telephone number associated with information for connecting a call to the one or more parties and a time period for initiating the call;

storing the event data in a database;

determining that a current time is within the time period for initiating the call;

notifying the user by instant message sent via the data network that the call is about to take place;

receiving confirmation from the user via the data network to initiate the call to the one or more parties on behalf of the user; [[and]]

determining a second telephone number associated with the user based on the event data;
providing the first telephone number and the second telephone number to a server; and
providing the first telephone number and the second telephone number from the server to the telephone network in order to establish establishing the call between the user and the one or more parties via the telephone network using the first telephone number and second telephone number based on the event data.

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5. (Currently Amended) A method for connecting a call between a user and a plurality of parties at least one party using an electronic calendar system having a capacity to record, the method comprising:

establishing at least one event record corresponding to the call, the event record comprising user information and a plurality of at least one telephone identifiers associated with the plurality of parties;

associating the event record with an event time;

requesting authorization from the user by instant message sent via a data network to initiate the call, based on a current time and the event time; and

initiating the call to the plurality of parties at least one party on behalf of the user using the plurality of telephone identifiers, based on an affirmative response to the authorization request from the user, the affirmative response sent by the user over the data network.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the calendar system is configured to update the event data.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for connecting a caller and one or more parties in a telephone network in a system comprising a data network and the telephone network, the apparatus comprising:

a receiver for receiving via the data network event data associated with the caller,

a calendar system for storing event data comprising information for connecting with the one or more parties and a time period for connecting; [[and]]

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a server for providing a first telephone number associated with the caller and a second telephone number associated with the one or more parties to the telephone network in order to establish a call connection between the first telephone number and the second telephone number;
and

a transmitter for connecting the caller via the telephone network to the one or more parties based on the event data, wherein the transmitter determines that a current time is within the time period for connecting, notifies the caller by instant message sent via the data network that a connection is about to take place, [[and]] receives confirmation from the caller via the data network to initiate the connection to the one or more parties, determines based on the event data the first telephone number and the second telephone number, and provides the first telephone number and the second telephone number to the server in order to establish the call connection via the telephone network.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, further comprising:
means for updating the database to reflect changes in the event data.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A system including a data network and a telephone network for connecting a user and one or more parties, the system comprising:
means for running a calendar application for receiving event data from the user via the data network and for storing the event data in a database, wherein the event data comprises a first telephone number associated with information for connecting with the one or more parties and a time period for connecting;

means for determining that a current time is within the time period for connecting;
means for notifying the user by instant message sent via the data network that a connection is about to be initiated;

means for receiving confirmation from the user via the data network to initiate the connection to the one or more parties on behalf of the user; [[and]]

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means for determining based on the event data a second telephone number associated with the user;

means for receiving the first telephone number and the second telephone number and providing the first telephone number and the second telephone number to the telephone network to establish a connection between the first telephone number and the second telephone number via the telephone network connecting the user and one or more parties based on event data.

15. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium comprising computer program code to perform a method for connecting a call between a user and one or more parties in a telephone network, the method comprising:

receiving, via a data network, event data associated with the user, the event data comprising a first telephone number associated with information for connecting a call to the one or more parties and a time period for initiating the call;

storing the event data in a database;

determining that a current time is within the time period for initiating the call;

notifying the user by instant message sent via the data network that the call is about to be initiated;

receiving confirmation from the user via the data network to initiate the call to the one or more parties on behalf of the user; [[and]]

determining based on the event data a second telephone number associated with the user; providing the first telephone number and the second telephone number to a server; and providing the first telephone number and the second telephone number from the server to the telephone network in order to establish establishing the call between the user and the one or more parties via the telephone network using the first telephone number and second telephone number based on the event data.

16. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium comprising computer program code to perform a method for connecting a call between a caller and a plurality of parties at least one party using an electronic calendar system having a capacity to record, the method comprising:

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establishing at least one event record corresponding to the call, the event record comprising caller information and a plurality of at least one telephone identifiers associated with the plurality of parties;

associating the event record with an event time;

requesting authorization by instant message sent via the data network to initiate the call from the caller, based on a current time and the event time; and

initiating the call to the plurality of parties at least one party on behalf of the caller using the plurality of telephone identifiers, based on an affirmative response to the authorization request from the caller, the affirmative response sent via the data network.

17. (Canceled)